

Abstract

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A new and useful cleaning device and method for cleaning a landscape surface of debris and/or dirt, which enables landscape rock to be substantially maintained on the landscape surface as the landscape surface is being cleaned, is provided. The cleaning device has a conduit system with an intake portion and an outlet portion in fluid communication with each other. The outlet portion is configured for attachment to a vacuum source and, in a preferred embodiment, the intake portion extends at a predetermined angle to at least part of the outlet portion, so that a vacuum applied to the outlet portion is also communicated with the intake portion. The intake portion has a distal end with an intake opening through which landscape material can be drawn into the intake portion from the surface of the landscape. The configuration of the intake and outlet portions of the conduit system is designed to (a) enable the intake portion to be conveniently held in a downward orientation with the intake opening disposed against the surface of the landscape, (b) allow dirt and debris to be drawn into the intake portion and transmitted through the outlet portion while restricting transmission of landscape rock through the outlet portion, and (c) provide a pressure state within the conduit system such that when the intake portion is lifted off the surface of the landscape, landscape rock in the intake portion will be deposited in situ on the surface of the landscape.